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SUBJ: LOS-NORWEGIAN/USSR CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY

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1. NORWEGIAN PRESS REPORTED NOVEMBER 17 THAT NORWEGIAN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE AND SOVIETS REACHED AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR DELINEATION OF THEIR CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARIES. PRESS SAYS LAST NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT OVER USE OF MEDIAN LINE PRINCIPLE (NORWAY) OR SECTOR PRINCIPLE (USSR); LATTER WOULD GIVE SOVIETS ABOUT 10 PERCENT MORE AREA THAN MEDIAN LINE.

2. ISSUE IS COMPLICATED BOTH BY PROBABILITY OF OIL AND GAS RESOURCES IN THE AREAS IN QUESTION AND BY THE IMPORTANCE OF SVALBARD, WHICH PLACED UNDER NORWEGIAN JURISDICTION BY 1920 SVALBARD TREATY. THIS TREATY, HOWEVER, GIVES NATIONALS OF SIGNATORY STATES, WHICH INCLUDE U.S. AND USSR, RIGHT TO EXPLORE, ACQUIRE, AND EXPLOIT THE MINERAL RESOURCES OF SVALBARD AND ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS.

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3. FOR BACKGROUND TO ASSIST US IN FOLLOWING THE FORTHCOMING

NEGOTIATIONS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING:

A. U.S. POSITION ON LOCATION OF THE BOUNDARY AND JUSTIFICATION
OF THAT POSITION;

B. HISTORY AND U.S. POSITIONS ON MEDIAN LINE PRINCIPLE
AND SECTOR PRINCIPLE AND ON ANY OTHER PRINCIPLE WHICH COULD
BE USED IN DELINEATING NORWEGIAN/USSR OFF-SHORE BOUNDARY;

C. A MAP SHOWING BOUNDARIES DRAWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH
MEDIAN LINE AND SECTOR PRINCIPLES AND OTHER POSSIBLE BOUNDARIES
AS INDICATED IN A AND B ABOVE.
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